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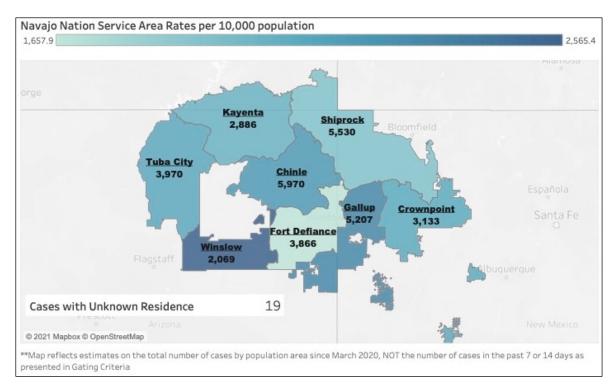
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49 new cases, 30,919 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Wednesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 49 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths is now 1,404. The report indicates that 30,919 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 316,952 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 32,650, including one delayed reported case.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 5,970

Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,133

Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,866

Gallup Service Unit: 5,207
Kayenta Service Unit: 2,886
Shiprock Service Unit: 5,530
Tuba City Service Unit: 3,970
Winslow Service Unit: 2,069

* 19 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Wednesday, the state of Arizona reported 4,740 new cases, Utah reported 1,685, and New Mexico reported 875 new cases. The Navajo Department of Health advises the public to report COVID-19 exposures through their website at: https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19 to help compile information and mitigation efforts.

"The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. If you have a loved one who has not received the vaccine, please encourage them to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible. The vaccines help to reduce severe symptoms, hospitalization, and risks of death if you do contract the virus. It's been 18 months since COVID-19 entered the Navajo Nation. Since then, our health care experts have learned a lot about the virus and they've gone above and beyond to protect our people and to give us the guidance and resources that we need to protect ourselves. So please adhere to their guidance and advice and keep taking precautions. Our public health experts are urging all Navajo people to avoid traveling off the Navajo, to avoid large in-person social and family gatherings, to wear masks in public, and to get fully vaccinated," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"We are in this together and we all have a personal responsibility to practice safety measures to keep ourselves and others safe and healthy. Through prayer we gain mental and spiritual strength to carry on and overcome this pandemic, but we also need to be supportive of one another and help each other. Please continue to pray for our health care workers, frontline workers, and all of our Navajo people," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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